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               ELECTRONIC DEVICE, AND A METHOD OF ENCRYPTING AND
               DECRYPTING ELECTRONIC DATA

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COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice

of Allowance dated August 10, 2006, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over

the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned

in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination,

Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the language of each claim, including the

interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements which is allowable

over the prior art of record, and not the Examiner's paraphrasing of claim features which are not present in any of the allowed claims.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano, Reg. No. 35,094 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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